

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

These outline the minimum graduation requirements as outlined in IDAPA 08.02.03 104, 105, 106. School districts may have additional local requirements that impact student graduation

CONTENT AREA	STATE CREDIT REQUIREMENTS
Core of Instruction	29 credits
Electives	17 credits
Additional Requirements	See Descriptions
Total Credits	46 credit (minimum)

By the end of the 8th grade, each student shall develop a parent-approved student learning plan for their high school and post-high school options. A sample learning plan can be found at: <http://www.sde.idaho.gov/student-engagement/advanced-ops/files/programs/Generic-Learning-Plan.pdf>

CORE SUBJECT AREAS	29 CREDITS
Language Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English – 8 Credits Speech – 1 Credit 	9 credits Speech credit can be obtained through other courses that meet the state speech requirement as approved by the local district.
Mathematics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Algebra I – 2 credits Geometry – 2 credits Student Choice – 2 credits 	6 credits Two credits must be taken in the last year of high school. Students who have completed six (6) credits of math prior to the fall of their last year of high school, including at least two (2) semesters of an Advanced Placement or dual credit calculus or high level course, are exempt from taking math during their last year of high school.
Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lab-based – 4 credits 	6 credits May include biology, physical Science, chemistry, earth, space, and environment or approved applied science. AP Computer Science, Dual Credit Computer Science, and Dual Credit Engineering can be considered as either a math or science credit.
Social Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> US History – 2 credits Government – 2 credits Economic – 1 credit 	5 credits Courses such as geography, sociology, psychology and world history may not count towards this requirement.
Humanities	2 credits May include visual arts, music, theatre, dance, or world language aligned to Idaho content standards for those subjects
Health	1 credit CPR is required to be taught in Health, effective for students entering 9 th grade Fall 2015 or later

ELECTIVES	17 CREDITS
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ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS	DESCRIPTION
Advanced Opportunities	<p>Districts must offer at least one Advanced Opportunity such as Dual Credit, Advanced Placement, Technical Competency Credit, or International Baccalaureate.</p> <p>*For more information on Advanced Opportunities, visit: http://www.sde.idaho.gov/student-engagement/advanced-ops/index.html</p>
Senior Project	<p>Required to include a written report and an oral presentation by the end of grade 12 with guidelines set at district level.</p>
College Entrance Exam	<p>Take either the ACT or SAT exam before the end of the student's 11th grade beginning with students for School Year 2014-2015. Students who miss the college entrance exam in 11th grade because they moved to Idaho from out-of-state, were homeschooled or had a medical issue, could take the state funded make-up exam in the Fall of their 12th grade.</p> <p>*For more information on college entrance exams, visit: http://www.sde.idaho.gov/assessment/college/</p>
Middle School Credits	<p>Students must take pre-algebra before entering 9th grade.</p> <p>A student will have met the high school content and credit requirement for any required high school course if: The student completes such course with a grade C or higher before entering 9th grade; course meets the same content standards that are required for high school and course is taught by a properly certified teacher. Parents of middle school student taking a course for high school credit must be notified that the course is available for high school credit and must be given the option as to whether or not the course is transcribed.</p>

For more information on High School Graduation Requirements, visit: <http://sde.idaho.gov/topics/hs-grad-req/>